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RECORD OF DECISION SIGNED FOR THE ACQUISITION OF ADDITIONAL WATER FOR MEETING THE SAN JOAQUIN RIVER AGREEMENT FLOW OBJECTIVES, 2001-2010

Reclamation has signed a Record of Decision (ROD) to implement the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (SEIS/EIR), for the Acquisition of Additional Water for Meeting the San Joaquin River Agreement Flow Objectives, 2001-2010. The ROD enables Reclamation to acquire up to 47,000 acre-feet of supplemental water as needed from willing sellers through the San Joaquin River Group Authority, to achieve flow objectives during April and May under the San Joaquin River Agreement. The ROD describes the action to be implemented and discusses all factors leading to the decision to approve the preferred alternative.

To request a copy of the ROD or the Final SEIS/EIR, please call 800-742?9474 and enter 26 to leave a message. For an electronic copy, go to Reclamation's website at: www.mp.usbr.gov/calfed/index.html. If you have trouble accessing the website please contact Marian Echeverria at 916-978-5105 (TDD 916-978-5608). For additional information, please contact Dan Meier at 916-978?5559.

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